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SUBJECT: U.K. VIEWS ON ISRAEL/UNESCO ISSUE AND ON MASS
MEDIA DECLARATION

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1. MEMBER UK PERMDEL PASSED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO
US PERMDEL REGARDING UK FOREIGN OFFICE VIEWS ON ISRAEL
ISSUE IN UNESCO AND ON MASS MEDIA DECLARATION.

A. FOREIGN OFFICE MIGHT, AND UK OFFICER UNDER-
LINED MIGHT RATHER THAN WOULD, MIGHT MAKE A
DEMARCHE TO USSR REGARDING ISRAEL. THIS MIGHT
BE DONE INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES. IF DONE, IT SHOULD BE MADE IN
MOSCOW AND NOT TO USSR PERMDEL.

B. FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT JOIN
IN A DEMARCHE TO ARAB COUNTRIES ON ISRAEL.

C. REGARDING MASS MEDIA DECLARATION, UK DOES
NOT THINK MUCH OF FRG ALTERNATE DRAFT, AND IS
NOT PREPARED TO DO MUCH ABOUT IT. UK WOULD

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RATHER WAIT AND SEE U.S. REVISION OF ALTERNATE

DRAFT. NEVERTHELESS, UK HAD SOME COMMENTS ON
SPECIFIC TEXT OF FRG DRAFT AS FOLLOWS.

QUOTE: 3. ON SPECIFIC POINTS: ARTICLE III. SOME OF
THE LANGUAGE IN THE GERMAN TEXT MAY HAVE SUFFERED FROM
TRANSLATION, FOR EXAMPLE IN THE LAST LINE OF ARTICLE
III, THE TEXT IS MEANT TO READ "INCLUDING THE DISCRIMI-
NATION AGAINST MINORITIES". FURTHERMORE THE USE OF THE
ADJECTIVE "NATIONAL" SEEMS CURIOUS HERE AND WE WOULD
SUGGEST ITS DELETION. IF WHAT IS MEANT IS THAT PROPAGANDA
SHOULD BE AVOIDED WHICH ENCOURAGES ONE NATION TO
HATE ANOTHER, THIS MAKES SOME SENSE, BUT WE ARE NOT IN
FAVOUR OF SUCH LOOSE FORMULATIONS. WHILE THE OFFER OF
OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE UNABLE TO BE HEARD WITHIN THEIR
OWN TERRITORIES IS A MEANS OF SECURING ACCEPTABILITY
FOR STATIONS SUCH AS RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE,
WE THINK THAT THIS COULD WELL BE OFFSET BY THE OPPOR-
TUNITY GIVEN TO OPPONENTS OF SUCH STATIONS AS THESE TO
USE THE SECOND PART OF THE ARTICLE TO SEEK THEIR SUP-
PRESSION, BY DESIGNATING THEM AS PURVEYORS OF PROPAGANDA
FOR WAR OR (LESS STRONGLY) NATIONAL HATRED.

4. ANOTHER DIFFICULTY IN THE TEXT OF ARTICLE III
IS THE DRAFTING OF THE SECOND SENTENCE. THE BBC MIGHT
BE HELD BY THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION TO CARRY THE
OPINION OF DISSIDENT OPPOSITION GROUPS IN COUNTRIES
FRIENDLY TO US. WE ARE ALREADY IN SOME TROUBLE WITH
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN PARTS OF THE WORLD BECAUSE THE BBC
MAKES OPPOSITION VIEWS KNOWN IN BROADCASTS DIRECTED BACK
TO THAT COUNTRY. IN GENERAL THE WORDING OF ARTICLE III
SEEMS TO BE CAPABLE OF QUITE WIDE MISINTERPRETATION AND

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SHOULD BE REDRAFTED.

5. ARTICLE IV. WHAT IS "THE SPECIAL PROBLEM OF YOUTH"? WE SEE NO PARTICULAR REASON FOR SPECIAL MENTION OF ONE GROUP IN SUCH A DECLARATION. ONE COULD PERHAPS TRY FOR: "THE MASS MEDIA ARE CALLED UPON TO DISSEMINATE THE VIEWS, CONCERN AND ASPIRATIONS OF ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY. IT IS CONSONANT ..." THE SECOND REFERENCE TO YOUTH COULD STAY: IT IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT AS PART OF AN EDUCATIVE PROCESS.

6. ARTICLE V. THIS ARTICLE NEEDS REVISION. DO THEY REALLY MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO PASS AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT ONLY PEOPLE "OF INDEPENDENT MEANS" CAN BE "EMPLOYED" IN THE MASS MEDIA? "...PROMOTE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THOSE ENGAGED IN THE INFORMATION MEDIA ARE NOT SUBJECTED TO UNDUE PRESSURES AS A RESULT OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEPENDENCE" IS, WE THINK, MORE WHAT THEY MEAN.

7. ARTICLE VI. WE FEEL THAT THE TEXT AS IT STANDS IN ARTICLE VI WILL HARDLY MEET THE DEMANDS MADE FOR DETAILED REFERENCES TO THE NIEO.
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8. ARTICLE VII. THE USE OF THE WORD "OBTAINING" IN THE LAST LINE OF THIS ARTICLE MIGHT BE OFFEHSIVE TO THE "COUNTRIES FREED FROM COLONIALISM"; "DEVELOPING" MIGHT BE BETTER. UNQUOTE.
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